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FROM THE MISTLETOE
THAT IS THE MESSAGE
THAT THE MONTAGUES
OF MONTAGUE, MONTAGUE
MONTAGUE, MONTAGUE
IS MONTAGUE

Suddenly,
Johnny gets
a Feeling...



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THREE THINGS I
COULD TELL ON YOU,
SWASHER IF IT COMES
TO THAT. ANYWAY IT'S
BETTER SHE CALLED
ABOUT NOW!

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IS THERE
NOTHING YOU
CAN DO, RAFAEL?
HE HAS LOST
CONSCIOUSNESS
AGAIN! I FEAR HE
IS SOBERLY
INJURED!

AAAA...

AAAA, I
AM BOUND AS
YOU ARE,
COLUMBINE
-BRIGHT-

MAHA
WILL HAVE
HIS WAY
WITH ME!
WITH ALL
OF US!

IT'S
ALL HIS
FAULT!

HIM AND THAT
PUNY ONE!
MAKING THE
MISTAKE!

DID YOU NOT KNOW EVERY TIME
THEY DID IT, THEY
WEAKENED THE BOUNDARY
BETWEEN WORLDS?

ARE YOU NOT ASHAMED,
RALPH? YOUR BROTHER
IS IN CURSED, IN DRAIN, AND
YOU SPEAK ILL OF HIM!

ANIMALS HAS
ALWAYS PROTECTED
YOU, RALPH!

MUCH GOOD HE'S
DOING ME NOW, TO
THINK I'VE COME TO
THIS -- IMPRISONED
WITH A SLUT AND A
CATAMITE!

BETTER
COMPANY THAN
YOU DESERVE
RALPH!

YOU WERE A
GOOD MAN ONCE,
BUT NOW YOU
DISGUST ME! I'M
ASHAMED TO CALL
YOU BROTHER!

YOU ASHAMED OF ME?
NO! YOU ARE THE ABOM-
INATION, ANIMAL! YOU ARE
THE TRAITOR!

LISTEN! THE
MISTRESS COMES!
I'LL BE REVENGED
ON THE WHOLE
PACK OF YOU!







LEAVE HIM,
MAMIA! IT'S
HIS YOU
WANT!

THE SURPRISE HOB
OF OTHERS MAKE
YOU TOO EASILY
BROTHER! YOUR SOFT
HEART HAS ALWAYS
BEEN YOUR UN-
DOING!



IT WAS PITY
THAT SPURRED YOU
TO REBEL AGAINST
YOUR EIGHTH LORD
AND RATHER, PITY
FOR THE HUMANS
WHOSE ENERGIES
MAKE US STRONG



"YOU WOULD
NOT ENJOYED
THEM."



"I HAD
TO DROP
YOU."



"BUT PITY ONCE AGAIN
HIDLED YOU -- INSTEAD
OF KILLING OUR FATHER,
YOU IMPRISONED HIM
IN A MOUNTAIN OF
ICE."



I WILL NOT
MAKE THAT MISTAKE
AGAIN, SISTER. I
ASSURE YOU!

FOOL! THE
NAMELESS ONE
CANNOT DIE!

FOR LONGER OUR
FATHER WAITED,
DREAMING OF ESCAPE
AND REVENGE. HIS
MIND REACHED
BETWEEN THE
WORLDS--

--AND MANIPULATED
THE DNA OF A HUMAN FAMILY AND SO
THE VINDICTFUL DREAM OF THE
NAMELESS ONE WAS MADE
FLESH AND BLOOD. A CHILD
WAS BORN.

A GIRL WITH NO UNDERSTANDING
OF WHAT HAD CALLED HER INTO
BEING... OF THE DESIRE THAT WOULD
BE HER. A GIRL NAMED



ARMED!

YES,
BROTHER
DEAR.

DID YOU KNOW--
I THINK OUR SISTER
BIRD IS JEALOUS
OF YOUR LITTLE
DOXY! SHE'S DONE
TO SAY HER A
KISS!



NOOOO!

WHY, ANNA! I
DIDN'T KNOW
YOU CARED!
HELPING ME, NO?

AT TELLER, OTHER
BOULS ARE INTRODUCED...

...BY CHAINS FORCED
BY NEWBORN AND MUSCLE
TOSSE, HEADSTRAINS -
MUTTERS AND BEEVES



MOM?
HEY, IT'S ME -
JEE

I KNOW
YOU CAN
HEAR
ME.

LISTEN-- EVERY
THING IS GONNA
BE OKAY THING
OUT ALL THAT
NEW AGE STUFF
WORKS



AUNT MACE'S BEEN
DYING ME ONERO-
SHOCK TREATMENTS
AND WELL YOU'RE
NOT GONNA BELIEVE
THIS, BUT I'VE
SEEN MY SPIRIT
OUTSIDE!

HER NAME IS JESS. SHE'S
BEAUTIFUL, MOM! SHE'LL
HELP US FIND GOURT-- I
KNOW IT!



MAN, THIS
ITCHES
WICKED
BAD..



MUST BE A
REACTION TO
THE DRUGS AUNT
MAY IS GIVING
ME--





WASH: TIME FOR
ANOTHER CHANNELING
SESSION:



WISH ME LUCK,
MOM! I'LL VISIT
AGAIN SOON, I
PROMISE!

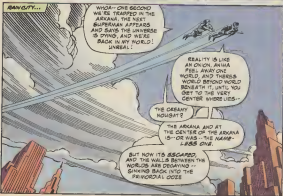
I
LOVE
YOU



IN A LIFE
TIME I
WISH I
COULD
SEE A
SLEEPING
BEAUTY



TO REAL LIFE
IT CAN BREAK
YOUR HEART



SANCTITY...

WHOA! ONE SECOND
WE'RE TRAPPED IN THE
ARKANA, THE NEXT
SUPERMAN APPEARS
AND SAYS THE UNIVERSE
IS DYING, AND WE'RE
BACK IN MY WORLD!
UNREAL!

REALITY IS LIKE
AN ONION. ANIMA
PEEL AWAY ONE
WORLD, AND THERE'S
WORLD BEYOND WORLD
BENEATH IT, UNTIL YOU
GET TO THE VERY
CENTER WHERE LIES--

THE DREAMY
HOUGHT?

THE ARKANA AND AT
THE CENTER OF THE ARKANA
IS-- OR WAS --THE NAME-
LESS ONE.

BUT NOW ITS ESCAPED,
AND THE WALLS BETWEEN THE
WORLDS ARE DECAYING --
SHAKING BACK INTO THE
PRIMORDIAL OOZE



YOU MEAN THE NAMELESS ONE (S, LIKE, GOD)?

GOD? HA-HA! YOU JUST DON'T GET IT!



HEY-- WAIT UP!

THE ARKANA-- AND EVERY-THING IN IT-- COMES FROM YOU, ANIMA!

FROM HUMAN DEMOS-- YOUR DREAMS AND FEARS, HOPES AND DESIRES.



TAKE THIS STONE--



I. THROW IT INTO THE ROAD, AND THE RIPPED SPEED IN WIDENING CREEKS IS THE STONE GOD OF THE ROAD? THE RIPPED?

DEE. JOHNNY ARE YOU STONED? YOU'RE STARTIN' TO SOUND LIKE MY MOM!



YOUR MOM'S COOL-- BUT WITHOUT THE HELP OF HER SPIRITUALDE, FENRIS, WE CAN'T DEFEAT THE NAMELESS ONE



BUT
RENDS IS
DEAD

NOT JUST
SLEEPING



ONLY THE ANIMALS CAN
MAKE HER! I THOUGHT
MAYBE GARDENMAN WAS
THE ONE FORETOLD

BUT ITS
YOU



LOOK, JOHNNY--MAYBE
I'VE GOT SOME POWERS
BUT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT
ABOUT THIS AVATAR
BUSINESS

I'M NOT GOOD
WITH ANIMALS--
AND ANYWAY, I'M
WORRIED ABOUT
ANIMALS.



IT'S YOUR AGONY YOU
SHOULD BE WORRIED
ABOUT! SHE'S LINKED
TO RENDS

MAKE THE WOLF
AND YOU'LL MAKE
HER TOO!



WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED TO
DO-- KIDS
RENDS?



WHEN THE
TIME COMES
YOU'LL
KNOW



I'M PROUD! BACK
OF EVERYBODY TELLING
ME WHO I AM AND
WHAT I HAVE TO DO!



I DIDN'T ASK
FOR ANY OF
THIS

WHOA--CHILL.
ANIMA: BE GOOD!
ALL I WANT
WAS...



CAN'T YOU TAKE
A HIT? (GROWL)
SHE WANTS TO BE
LEFT ALONE!

FFZZZT!

BRID!

COME TO ME,
ANIMA-- I'LL GIVE
YOU A SHOULDER
TO CRY ON!

WHO?

DIDN'T ANIMA MENTION
HIS TRIN
SISTER? BRAD!



BUT I'VE HEARD
ABOUT YOU BRAD
HAVING A BAD
HAIR DAY?



NOT COMPARED
TO THE ONE YOU'VE
GONNA HAVE,
MORTIMER!



POOR
BASTARD!

MAKES ME
WISH TO
LOOK AT
IT--
AND I
WAS AT
WACO
WHEN
THE
REDS
HAD
THEIR
LITTLE
BARBECUE!

SHOOT, I
DURING
NOW
SAFE AS
ALMOS-
I RECKON--
THE
TEXAS
KIND

WONDER
WHO HE
WAS?

GOT LILLY
SHOOTIN'
WITH
DALLAS
NOW.

WHAT
KIND
OF
BLOOD
WE
SHOT
ON
OUR
HANDS
NOW,
JUNNY?



WILL YOU
STOP
WITH
THAT
DAMN
SCARF--
YOU'RE
MAD--
HE TOLD!



SORRY--
MUSTA
FIXED
UP A
RASH
SOME-
WHERE.



WELL IF
THAT DON'T
BEAT ALL

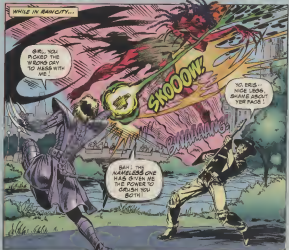
DALLAS SAYS
PROPERTY'S BEEN
AS-TERED TO ONE
JACK-LADY BING
ANY BELLS?



WHAT
IS IT
JIMMY?

JACK-LADY?
YAH - WHIT--GADY
JACKSON! WE
BEEN LOOKIN' FOR
HIM SINCE '72!

BECKON WE
WEREN'T THE
ONLY ONES
LOOKIN'.



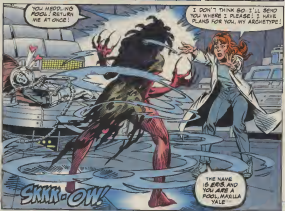
WHILE IN BARNUM...

OH... YOU
PICKED THE
WRONG DAY
TO MEET WITH
ME.

SKOOON!

NO, ERIS--
NICE LEGS,
SHAVE ABOUT
YER FACE!

BAH! THE
NAMELESS ONE
HAS GIVEN ME
THE POWER TO
CRUSH YOU
BOTH!





EXCELLENT
SISTER, THE
GATE IS OPEN
NOW AND CANNOT
EASILY BE CLOSED
AGAIN.



THERE IS PANIC IN THE
OUTER WORLD. THE HEROES
BAND TOGETHER, NEVER
DREAMING WHO THEIR TRUE
ADVERSARY IS!

BY THE
TIME THEY
REALIZE IT
WILL BE
TOO LATE.



THE ONLY
ONES WITH THE
POWER TO STOP
US ARE HERE—
LOOKED AWAY IN
THE BOND OF MY
BARKING.

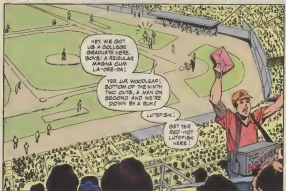


COME,
WINDS! BURN
ME A
STORM!



A STORM
TO CRACK
THE WORLD
ASUNDER.







HERE'S YER LUCKY
BAT, WOOD-LEAP!
GO ON--TAKE IT! IT
AIN'T GONNA BITE
YA!

R-EIN-
MAKER?



LAST THING I
REMEMBER (IS
THE BAR... LISA
HAD THAT ALL
A DREAM...OR
IS THIS?

BATTER
UP!

IS COURTNEY
HABON BEHIND
THIS SOMEHOW?



GOT A
SPECIAL
PITCH FOR
TA WOOD-
LEAP!



A LITTLE SOME-
THIN I WORKED
UP MYSELF-- I
CALL IT THE
GLOOM!



GROSS!

W-HOLY
GOW!





OH, SOMEWHERE
IN THIS FADED
LAND THE SUN IS
SHINING BRIGHT



DAUGHTER

AH! THE
WINDS HAVE
DONE THEIR
WORK... MY
FATHER
CALLS!



PUT YOUR
GAMES ASIDE
MY DAUGHTER--IT
IS TIME FOR YOU
TO JOIN ME. THE
HOUR OF REVENGE
IS AT HAND!

AT
LAST!



THE GATES
ARE OPENING!
I FEEL YOU
REACHING OUT
TO ME!

I'M COMING,
FATHER! I'M
COMING!



CAN'T YOU FEEL
IT? THE HARMLESS
ONE IS OPENING
ALL THE GATES!

IF I DON'T
GET FREE NOW,
WE'LL BE TRAPPED
FOREVER!



QUIET!
MARIA WILL
HEAR! WE'LL BE
PUNISHED --



--BUT
WHAT DO
YOU CARE!



YOU ARE THE
SELFISH ONE,
MALCOLM!



HARDER,
ANNA! YOU
CAN DO IT!



I AM HERE,
COLUMBINE! BUT
I WILL TRY
AGAIN!



HA!
SHOWS YOU
RIGHT!



CRASH!

